# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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REVIVAL OF MADRAS FERTILIZERS LIMITED
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) has been revamped with activeparticipation between the Government of India and AMOCO, USA and NIOC, Iran;

(b) if so, the details of the shareholding pattern till last month, and its performance in as far as shares are concerned;

(c) the performance of MFL during the last three years in the production, selling and income earned, expenditure incurred;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to have an expansion project of MFL to produce more biofertilizers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) A revamp of the plants of Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), Chennai, has beencompleted in March, 1998, at a total cost of Rs.601.43 crore. The project wasfunded with an equity component of Rs.133.32 crore (22%) and debt component of Rs.468.11 crore(78%). The promoters (Government of India and NIOC, Iran)together contributed Rs.92.63 crore of the equity portion and the remaining was raised through issue of shares to the public and internal accruals of MFL.The debt portion was raised through loans from financial institutions, Government of India, other corporates and debentures.

(b) As on 31.7.2000, the Government of India held 59.15%, NIOC, Iran 24.92% and public 15.93% of the paid up share capital of MFL

(c) Details of performance of MFL during the last three years in production, sales, expenditure and profit/loss are given below:

| Sl.No. | Item | 1997-98 (Provisional) | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Urea (`000` MT) | 63.71 | 327.98 | 403.76 |
| 2 | NPK (`000` MT) | 458.68 | 732.91 | 811.26 |
| 3 | Net Sales Income(Rs.Cr.) | 546.77 | 1161.17 | 1230.04 |
| 4 | Expenditure (Rs.Cr.) | 602.12 | 1186.91 | 1205.06 |
| 5 | Net profit/(loss) (Rs.Cr.) | (55.35) | (25.74) | 24.98 |

(d)&(e) There is a central scheme for providing grant-in-aid for setting up/ expanding bio-fertilizer production facilities, under which, MFLhas requested the Government for a grant-in-aid of Rs.7 lakh for increasing thecapacity of its bio-fertilizer plant at Manali, Chennai from 100 tonnes per annum to 150 tonnes per annum.